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'Good Samaritan' attacked by gang

A YOUNG man was attacked by a gang of youths on Christmas Day – after trying to help another one of their victims.

William Wright, 21, has spoken to the *Weekly News* about the "shocking", unprovoked attack which happened in Haverhill.

Mr Wright, of Teasel Close, was walking home at around 10.30pm having visited friends for drinks earlier that evening.

While walking by the park in Queensway he spotted a group of youths hurling a large snowman Christmas decoration over a woman's fence.

The woman then came out of her house to see what was going on and Mr Wright went over to help her retrieve the 3ft decoration.

But things turned nasty after the youths saw him coming to the woman's aid.

Mr Wright, who works at the McDonalds restaurant in Whittlesford, said: "As the woman opened her gate to get the decoration back her little

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black puppy got out.

"So as well as trying to get the decoration for her, I also helped her get the dog back and picked it up for her.

"It must have been the combination of both that offended them."

After Mr Wright had helped the woman, he continued to walk home, but four youths started to follow him, shouting abuse and threatening him.

They then assaulted him and hit his head with a bottle.

Mr Wright managed to push past them and ran off towards Vetch Walk but suffered a cut head.

He said: "It all happened for no apparent reason.

"It wasn't really scary as such, it was just shocking.

"It's just awful to think there are people out there who are willing to do something so violent just because I helped the woman out."

Suffolk police are urging anyone with any information to come forward.

The first youth is described as white, in his mid teens, around 5ft 9ins tall, of slim build with short black spiked

hair and was wearing a black weatherproof jacket.

The second youth is described as white, in his mid teens, around 5ft 8ins tall, of slim build with short black hair and was wearing a black jacket and a grey hooded top.

The third youth is described as white, around 6ft tall and was wearing a black woollen hat, a white jacket with stripes and a purple scarf.

The fourth youth is described as white, in his mid teens, between 5ft 4ins and 5ft 6ins tall, of slim build and was wearing a blue woollen hat and a blue jacket.

Two girls were also seen nearby and police want to speak to them as they may hold information which could help the investigation.

The first is described as white, in her mid teens, between 5ft 4ins and 5ft 6ins tall, of slim build with long black hair and was wearing a knee length coat and a purple scarf.

The second is described as white, in her mid teens and of slim build.

Calls in relation to this incident should be made to Pc Paul Gant at Bury CID on (01284) 774100 or Crime-stoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



Shocked: William Wright who was hit over the head with a bottle. Picture: Keith Heppell 619058

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Advice over festive waste

HAVERHILL residents are being urged to recycle as much of their waste over the New Year period as possible.

Suffolk County Council is advising people on what to do with their recyclable and re-usable waste.

Old furniture and electrical items can be dealt with by visiting the Community Recycling Network at www.crn.org.uk or Furniture Re-use Network www.frn.org.uk

Anything with batteries, a plug or charger can be recycled at one of the 18 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) in Suffolk.

All centres are open from 8am-4pm during the festive period, except for New Year's Day.

To find out where your nearest HWRC is, visit www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk and click on 'local services'.

As well as Christmas recycling, residents can also take a wide range of materials and bulkier items, such as furniture and garden waste, including Christmas trees, for recycling or re-using.

People should check with their local district or borough council to find the best way to recycle them.

CLlr Lisa Chambers, Suffolk County Council's portfolio holder for waste, said: "There is a need for us all to do more to reduce, re-use and recycle our own waste, as we are not only running out of space in landfill sites, but we also accept this is not an environmentally friendly way of dealing with our waste."

"The festive period can create a huge amount of waste, such as wrapping paper, boxes and glass bottles."

"It is easy to recycle these throughout Suffolk, not only at your local HWRC, but also at bring sites and recycling banks."

For more information, visit the website at www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk

Baby Lilly among Christmas arrivals at the Rosie

A BABY girl born to parents from Haverhill was among the first bundles of joy to arrive at the Rosie Maternity Hospital in Cambridge on Christmas Day.

Kellie Jessimie, 33, of Sterling Drive, gave birth to Lilly at 2.26am, who weighed 7lb 5oz.

The proud mum, who works for Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust in medicines management, and husband Neil, 28, a chemical engineer at Hexcel in Duxford, named Lilly after Kellie's grandmother.

Kellie said: "She was due on December 19, but I think she wanted to come out on Christmas Day. We didn't even take out the turkey. It was really surreal having her on Christmas Day. I am very happy."

The first baby to arrive on the day turned up at 12.34am, one of 19 to bring a special gift to parents.

But the first bundle of joy was not due to be named until New Year's Day.

Maryam Ahmed-Tukur gave birth to a beautiful baby girl at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.

The 32-year-old first-time mum and her paediatrician husband, Muhammed, 32, who works at the Lister Hospital in Stevenage, were delighted.

Their daughter was born weighing 6lb 14oz. The couple, of Heron Way, Royston, are originally from Nigeria.

Proud Muhammed said: "The due date was New Year's Day, so she is a bit early. We will not give her a name for seven days because it is our cultural tradition to wait until then."

"We are very excited, but a bit worried about the sleepless nights to come. It was wonderful she was born on Christmas Day. Although we don't celebrate it as Muslims, it is still a very special day. The staff here have been fantastic."

Maryam said: "I am very excited. Everything went well except we didn't expect her so soon. I am very happy."

The next bundle of joy to arrive was baby Charlotte Emily Jaggard, born at 12.43am weighing 7lb 4oz.

Mum Sam Bullock, 35, and proud dad Tom Jaggard, 36, both of Longfields, Ely, were shopping in Tesco on Christmas Eve when the first signs of



Greatest gift: Kellie Jessimie with daughter Lilly. 618816

Charlotte's arrival happened.

Tom, a business analyst, said: "We were in Tesco in Ely when Sam's waters started to break. We didn't actually want a Christmas Day baby and tried to have her just before midnight, but she held out. We just didn't want it because of the birthday presents. But she's the perfect Christmas present."

Sam, who works for the National Blood Service East Anglia blood bank

based at Addenbrooke's, said: "She'll have to have her birthday and Christmas on the same day. But we are delighted. Our son, Oliver, who is three years old, is really looking forward to seeing Lottie. He's very excited."

Michelle Hannaford, 30, of Abbey Place, Waterbeach, and soldier husband Simon, 31, a corporal in the Royal Engineers based in Waterbeach Barracks, were over the moon with baby Jack David. He was born at 5am

weighing 7lb 7oz. The couple already have a son Joshua, aged 5.

Michelle said: "We chose Jack because it is a good British name. I am glad Simon could be here. He has already served in Afghanistan."

"It was more shock than anything else that he was born on Christmas Day, but I am very happy. He will get double whammy presents now."

"The staff here have been absolutely outstanding."

Foopaths left icy anger residents

COUNCIL chiefs are being blasted for failing to grit pedestrianised areas across Suffolk.

Outrage has hit the streets of Haverhill and its surrounding villages after Suffolk County Council gritted the region's roads but failed to do the same on footpaths and shopping areas.

People were left slipping and sliding across the town centre as thick ice built up on surfaces.

High Street, Chalkstone Way and Swan Lane, to name just a few, were all left without grit, leaving them in "lethal" conditions, according to residents and shoppers.

A 70-year-old man even

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slipped over and cracked his head open on a pavement.

Emergency services were called to Hanchet End at 8.45am on Christmas Eve after the pensioner slipped on the icy pavement and into the road.

The man cracked his head open on the kerb and blood could be seen in the ice.

He was taken by ambulance to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, for treatment.

An East of England Ambulance Service spokeswoman said: "The man was breathing and conscious but did crack his head

open.

"His injuries were minor."

A furious resident, who did not want to be named, contacted the *Weekly News* after witnessing the incident.

The woman, of Hanchet End, said: "It is absolutely terrible."

"This man could have died with a blow to the head like that."

"The paths and walkways all over the town are in such a bad state because the council has failed to grit them."

Footpaths in Kedington, Withersfield and the majority of villages were also ignored.

A resident of Silver Street, Withersfield, said: "The council claims to care for its residents yet there we are with not a safe

walkway in sight to walk on.

"It is beyond a joke that nowhere was gritted and I wouldn't be surprised if there were elderly residents slipping all over the place."

A Suffolk County Council spokeswoman said: "Suffolk County Council are continuing to work with the district and borough councils in keeping Suffolk moving during these extreme weather conditions."

"Gritters have been working around the clock to keep main routes and priority roads running."

"We have over the past few days been able to get out to footways and pathways in the main shopping areas."

Take up challenge to help hospices

TWO hospices want energetic volunteers to make a new year resolution to tackle a 5km off-road run to help raise vital funds.

The True Grit challenge will benefit Cambridge's Arthur Rank Hospice and St Nicholas Hospice Care in Bury St Edmunds.

The event takes place on Sunday, January 10, at Wild Tracks in Kennett, near Newmarket, and is sponsored by Deloitte's Cambridge branch.

There will be trophies for the fastest finishers, but everyone is welcome to register.

Lucy Day, fundraiser at Arthur Rank, said: "This is a great way to kick-start the new year."

"Not only does it offer everyone looking to shed those excess Christmas pounds, or making a new year's resolution to get fit, something to aim for, but runners will also be making a difference to the lives of people in their community living with life-limiting illnesses."

Entry costs £12 and runners should try to raise at least £100 in sponsorship.

To register call (01223) 723115, (01284) 747624 or visit www.arhc.org.uk

Top prize for soldier

A JUNIOR soldier from Haverhill has scooped a top prize.

Russell Carlier, 17, has been awarded the prize for the Best Shot for his marksmanship skills at the Army Foundation College in Harrogate.

Russell joined the prestigious college, which caters for 16-year-olds, in September last year for a 42-week course combining vocational education and military training.

As well as the gong, he has gained National Vocational Qualifications in Information Technology and Key Skills, as well as a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Lieutenant General Mark Mans, the Army's Adjutant General, who inspected the parade of 500 junior soldiers, presented him with his award at Uniacke Barracks in Penny Pot Lane.

"I was delighted to get the award - I didn't expect it," said Russell, a former pupil of Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College who hopes to join the 9/12 Lancers.

Scheme for school

BOSSES at Place Farm School, on Camps Road, Haverhill, have submitted planning applications for work to be carried out.

The proposals, submitted to St Edmundsbury Borough Council, include building a two-storey teaching block and a school hall.

Following the demolition of the school's caretaker's house, the plans also include circulation links, ancillary accommodation and five temporary classrooms.

The applicant is Suffolk County Council's Children and Young People's Services.

The case officer dealing with the proposals is Lesley Westcott.

For more information, call her on (01284) 757351.

Driver arrested

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of drink driving after being involved in a crash on Christmas Day.

The 23-year-old man, from London, was in a collision in Bumpstead Road, Haverhill, on the evening of Friday, December 25.

The man has been released on bail to return to Bury Police Station on January 22.

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Prince's Trust students win awards

STUDENTS from a Prince's Trust team received their awards at a recent ceremony – where a special work of art was created on the spot by a celebrated graffiti artist.

The team, including Sophie Lancaster, 19, from Haverhill, received their awards at a ceremony at West Suffolk College in Bury St Edmunds for raising money for a community project to refurbish the Flowerpot Community Centre in Brandon.

Sophie has applied to stay on to study on a Health and Social Care course at the college.

Rich Simmons, a Prince's Trust ambassador and founder of the charity Art Is the Cure, created a specially commissioned work at the

awards ceremony. He was asked to create a work on canvas which will be kept by the Prince's Trust team at the college.

Rich was named as Most Inspirational Volunteer at the regional Prince's Trust Celebrate Success awards in November.

He urged the students to carry on believing in themselves, and said: "I want to inspire you, and I want you to take that inspiration, that passion, that creativity and use it to change lives, even if it is only one person's life."

The regional celebration was the first time he had ever spoken in front of an audience – 500 people on that occasion – and the college awards ceremony was only the second.

While the audience watched,

Rich created a portrait of Prince Charles through a mix of graffiti spray techniques and a cut stencil. He creates stencils which take up to 20 hours to cut, producing work on canvas or wood as well as street art.

The awards ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate the success of students who have overcome personal barriers to complete the programme.

Young people who have completed a Prince's Trust team building programme at the college receive qualifications and certificates, which help build their confidence and enable them to progress to employment or to another course at the college.



Raised cash: Sophie Lancaster was among the Prince's Trust team. CP

Swine flu jabs for young children

CHILDREN between the ages of six months and five years are being vaccinated against swine flu in Suffolk.

GP surgeries which have already finished vaccinating people in the high risk groups are now looking to help youngsters in the county.

And in the New Year, doctor practices will be contacting families to make them aware of the vaccinations.

The major exercise follows an agreement between NHS Suffolk and the local medical committee.

Dr Brian Keeble, NHS Suffolk's flu director, said: "Swine flu has had less public attention recently but it is still a major threat to public health.

"We don't know whether it will continue to reduce in numbers of people affected or not.

"Young children are still very much at risk and when they are infected some suffer severely, so this vaccination programme for the under fives is very important.

"Having your child vaccinated greatly improves his or her protection from the disease, but also helps to make it less likely the illness will be spread between children.

"Please do respond when you are contacted by your doctor's surgery asking for you to bring your children in for vaccination."

This age group has been identified as the next priority group for the vaccine because higher numbers have been admitted to hospital after falling ill with swine flu.

For more information on the vaccine, visit www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Pandemic-flu/Pages/Vaccine.aspx or speak to your GP

Bumper boost for food project

ONE of Haverhill's most successful charity projects was given a bumper boost just in time for Christmas.

The Haverhill Food Bank, which has been up and running over the past year, has been awarded a £500 grant from the Cheffins Community Fund.

Over the last 12 months, volunteers for the project have collected 6.2 tonnes of food and distributed approximately 5.2 tonnes.

Overall, more than 800 people have been fed through the scheme.

As featured in the *Weekly News*, the food bank aims to provide a safety net for Haverhill residents and those living in the surrounding villages in times of crisis.

Help can be given to those being made redundant, receiving benefit cuts and delays to their benefits.

The grant from Cheffins was used to buy provisions to make food parcels over the festive period and to purchase crockery, enabling volunteers to provide even more help to those who need it.

Jamie Warner, from Haverhill's Cheffins office, said: "We are pleased to be able to help our local community in such a practical way and in the current economic climate."

For more information, visit www.cambscf.org.uk or call (01223) 410535.

County praised for innovative working

WORKING together has proved to be a recipe for success in Suffolk.

The county is the only one in the UK to be awarded three green flags as part of a thorough assessment by the Audit Commission for working collaboratively and innovatively.

Jeremy Pembroke, leader of Suffolk County Council, said: "This is fantastic news for the people of Suffolk.

"It shows just how the public sector and the voluntary sector working together can produce great achievements.

"Suffolk is a well performing county with a great track record of efficiency savings.

"I am delighted that the Audit Commission has recognised our innovation and the positive difference it makes for our local communities.

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"Working with borough and district councils, health bodies and police has given us all great insight into what is needed within our communities.

"It also enables us to learn from one another and think creatively about how we can make changes for the better."

The three flags were awarded for a wide of range of reasons, including developing green technologies in wind and wave renewable energy, coastal protection and issues such as crime and anti-social behaviour.

However, two red flags were also given meaning work is needed in addressing the lack of high value jobs in rural areas, as well as learning and skills



Fantastic news: Jeremy Pembroke, leader of Suffolk County Council.

outcomes in the county.

These have been set as county

council targets.

Chief Constable Simon Ash, of Suffolk Police, said: "Suffolk is one of the safest counties in the country with low levels of crime and the perception of crime and anti-social behaviour is also low in the county.

"We work closely with partners to ensure that our performance in keeping it safe remains consistently strong and that local people continue to receive an efficient service, which meets their needs.

"The work we have undertaken with our partners is already proving to be successful, as highlighted by the report.

"In the year ahead, we will be focussing our efforts with our partners on tackling anti-social behaviour as local people have consistently told us that this is their priority."

Burglary a priority for police as village 'lacks confidence'

BURGLARY and criminal damage need tackling in Linton.

Both issues have been highlighted at the village's neighbourhood panel meeting.

The priorities set for the next three months were to tackle criminal damage in Linton, address lack of community confidence in policing in Linton and to combat dwelling burglary in Teversham and Balsham.

Sgt Becky Williams said: "We are obviously concerned that there is a perceived lack of confidence in Linton and will be working hard to find out what the

cause of this is and ensure that we take steps to address it."

At the previous meeting three months ago, residents raised the following issues: to reduce anti-social behaviour in Thomas Road, Fulbourn, to reduce late-night anti-social behaviour in Linton, and to improve road safety by tackling issues such as speeding and use of mobile phones.

Police have taken the following steps to resolve these issues:

■ High visibility patrols on foot and in vehicles throughout the day.

■ Engagement with A2 Dominion Housing and

visits to their office in the area.

■ Young people involved in anti-social behaviour have been identified and focused on during patrol work.

■ Positive engagement with Linton Village College.

■ Engagement with new youth club.

■ Liaison with parish council including attendance at council meeting.

For information about what's going on in your area, visit www.cambs.police.uk and click on the 'My Neighbourhood' pages.

Funding provides patients with single sex facilities

PATIENTS being treated at West Suffolk Hospital are now benefiting from separate bathroom facilities for men and women.

Important improvement work to create the individual facilities has been completed following a successful bid for funding.

The hospital received £566,000 from the Department of Health after it announced £100million would be made available nationwide to help hospitals improve the standards of single sex accommodation.

As a result, West Suffolk Hospital drew up an action plan to refurbish existing

facilities and create new wet rooms and disabled toilets.

Work on the project, which began in June and spanned the emergency admissions unit, coronary care unit and wards G3, F4, F7 and F8, are now complete.

The project was designed to improve every patients' experience by ensuring they can enjoy high standards of privacy and dignity during their stay.

"Many of our wards already had separate washing facilities for male and female patients," said Nichole Day, executive chief nurse with the trust.

"This funding allowed us

to extend that single sex accommodation further across the hospital.

"We want to make sure that every patient who uses West Suffolk Hospital has the best possible experience, and a key element of that is ensuring that their privacy and dignity is respected at all times.

"We are delighted that the work has been completed to such a high standard."

Single sex bays already operated across the hospital before the work took place, which meant that different genders do not share the same bay.

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Don't bother to complain

Sir, I thought I would write in to the paper and give my account of why it's not worth making complaints to Suffolk County Council regarding damage to vehicles after last February's bad weather.

I usually drive to work on the road from Withersfield to Cambridge every day and unfortunately I hit a pothole and damaged my vehicle to the extent of nearly £500 – new wheel, two tyres and tracking. When I rang Cambridgeshire County Council they were very helpful indeed in identifying where the incident took place. It was on Suffolk County Council's patch.

I rang them and they sent out claim forms. I filled them in and had to get two estimates for the damage.

They dragged their heels, so I had to keep ringing them, but still no joy.

I rang and rang and then they told me my claim had been sent to an outside contractor as they were inundated with claims.

Then out of the blue, I got a letter from their insurers stating that under subsection blah blah blah this road is checked regularly – yeah yeah!!

From my understanding and from what I heard from the county council, there is no appeal policy and what they say sticks. I am £500 out of pocket. They misled me from the first phone call I made.

I asked them to provide me with statistics on how many claims were paid out in and around Haverhill under the Freedom of Information Act... nothing. So be warned – it's a waste of time pursuing a claim in my opinion.

Chris Cullum
Haverhill

MEMORIES



■ **THIS week's** picture, taken from our archives, shows members of a football team.

Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken? Send your answers to: Memories, Haverhill Weekly News, 4 Queen Street, Haverhill, CB9 9EF by Tuesday morning, or email editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk

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Ambulance crews clean up act after criticism

AMBULANCE staff across the eastern region have cleaned up their act after a health watchdog criticised their "dirty" vehicles.

The East of England Ambulance Service, which operates paramedic services in the region, came under fire in October after the Care Quality Commission (CQC) said poor levels of cleanliness could put patients at risk of infection.

The watchdog said vehicles at seven of the ambulance service's 100 stations visited in unannounced checks were "dirty" and seats "grimy".

It said the service had "breached the regulation to protect patients, workers and others from the risks of acquiring a healthcare-associated infection".

But recent spot checks revealed the service

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had sorted its cleanliness problems after ordering a review of its infection prevention measures.

Dr Scott Turner, one of the service's joint medical directors, said: "We took the initial inspection report extremely seriously as the safety of our patients and staff is an absolute priority to us.

"We were already doing a lot of work in relation to infection prevention and control (IPC) but the CQC highlighted where more had to be done.

"The return visit made by the CQC last month has reflected our ability to address these require-

ments and recommendations in the fight against the spread of infection.

"I must commend our staff in their work to ensure this was being implemented."

He added: "The support and enthusiasm right across the trust has meant we have been able to make such a dramatic turn-around."

Actions taken by the trust included implementation of tougher infection control measures, the inclusion of clinical staff to help measure infection prevention, the purchase of new cleaning materials and detergent wipes and greater promotion of infection control among staff.

Dr Turner added: "Ensuring consistent high standards of cleanliness is a challenge – but we will continue driving up our infection control standards to keep IPC high on the agenda so that it's part of every day practice for staff."

Owners taken to court over abandoned cars

MOTORISTS thinking of abandoning their cars in the Haverhill area should think again.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council has successfully prosecuted seven cases of abandoning a motor vehicle in the last six months.

In the most recent case, Jolene Noland was summoned to attend Bury St Edmunds Magistrates Court but pleaded guilty by post to the offence of abandoning her vehicle, which was parked at the rear of her property in Beetons Way, Bury St Edmunds.

During July, 2009, the council made several attempts to contact her both in person and by post.

The vehicle had a notice placed on it and was later removed to a safe storage facility.

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It was not claimed and after 14 days was destroyed.

A fixed penalty notice was then issued but remained unpaid.

The court issued a fine of £150, a £15 victim surcharge and awarded the council costs of £500.

Although the trend is for fewer abandoned vehicles, the council investigated 324 reports of apparently abandoned vehicles during 2008/09, 113 of which were removed.

Once removed, the vehicle's registered owner faces a recovery charge of £150 plus a storage charge of £20 per day.

A fixed penalty notice of £200 is issued if the vehicle remains unclaimed.

If this notice is not paid then the registered owner

of the vehicle can be taken to court.

Cllr Peter Stevens, St Edmundsbury Borough Council cabinet member for the environment, said: "There are a number of services available which means no one should have to abandon a vehicle."

"The council charges £45 for its collection service and there are many others widely advertised, some of which may be free or even pay for the vehicle."

"It is important to check that the service you choose is registered as a waste carrier and will be scrapping the vehicle at an approved location."

Anyone wishing to report an abandoned vehicle or fly tipping in the borough should contact the St Edmundsbury Borough Council's Waste Management Service on (01284) 757325.

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Help at hand: Paula Morrice at Barclays in Benet St, Cambridge. Picture: Keith Heppell 617714

'Fantastic' treat for club members

PARTIALLY sighted residents in the Haverhill area were treated to turkey with all the trimmings.

Members of the town's Blind and Partially Sighted Club were treated to Christmas dinner at

Scotsdale's Garden Centre in Great Shelford.

As well as donning their party hats and pulling crackers, they were also able to do some last minute shopping in the centre.

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2009 was landmark year, and there's more to come

I hope you and your family had a very happy Christmas. Haverhill enjoyed a wide variety of events starting with the Italian market to launch the Queen Street refurbishment. E. Peacock, from Mill Hill, and W. Porter, from Little Wratting, received chocolates and speciality Italian biscuits from Cllr Anne Gower, cabinet member for Haverhill, for winning the Italian market competition.

■ Many people worked behind the scenes to ensure it was a safe Christmas. The Safer Neighbourhood Team conducted an undercover operation targeting shoplifters and the police mounted a special operation to enforce the traffic regulations through Queen Street and High Street.

■ 2010 sees two more competitions. If you complete and return the questionnaire in the new *Town Centre Shops and Services Directory* before January 30, you will be entered into a draw with prizes including vouchers and free tickets to outlets in town. The free directory is available from the



As part of her monthly column in the Weekly News, town centre manager Tina Hanks looks back on projects which gave Haverhill a boost in 2009, and outlines changes, and activities, to come in the new year.

library, the arts centre, council offices and some shops.

■ Made in Haverhill, the CB9 Cineworld film competition for young people aged 13 to 19, closes on February 12. See www.madeinhaverhill.co.uk for details.

■ There are free places available for aspiring filmmakers on two "Guerilla Filmmakers" workshops on January 9 and 23 at the Media Hub in the arts centre. To reserve places, call the box office on (01440) 714140.

■ The finishing touches to the Queen Street facelift will be added in the new year. Some shop fronts will be improved with help from a grant scheme. The new Queen Street gates,

designed by upper school students will be installed in the spring. Watch out for exhibitions giving further details of these and other exciting public art works.

■ 2009 was another landmark year for Haverhill, with the opening of Tesco, the refurbishment of the leisure centre and the reorganisation of the roads and links to the town centre. The town starts 2010 looking very different from this time last year. Thank you all for your support in 2009 and I wish everyone in Haverhill a very happy New Year.

■ Contact Tina on tina.hanks@stdsb.gov.uk or phone (01440) 765100.

Help at hand to halt repossession

A: Recently, my husband lost his job, and only has redundancy money for three months. I only have a part-time job which would not cover the cost of the mortgage. Is there anything I can do to make sure we don't default on our loan and face repossession?

A: Facing the prospect of repossession can be frightening, but losing your home is not the inevitable outcome of financial difficulties. Since January, a number of different Government schemes have been introduced to prevent it happening, such as Homeowner Mortgage Support, and for the most vulnerable households facing the immediate threat of repossession, there may be the potential option of the Mortgage Rescue Scheme. Firstly, it's really important to

HAVERHILL Citizens Advice Bureau this month outlines what steps homeowners can take to keep a roof over their heads if financial trouble strikes.



get advice, no matter what stage you are at. If you think you are going to have problems paying the mortgage, contact your lender or visit your local CAB to talk through options of maximising your income – perhaps claiming support for mortgage interest or renegotiating affordable payments for a period. Under the government's mortgage protocol, lenders are obliged to assist and make all reasonable attempts to help borrowers find a way through a difficult

patch. You should make your mortgage your top priority. If you have other unsecured loans, creditors or catalogues you might have to pay less towards them to make sure you can meet your mortgage payment. Get in touch with everyone you owe money to and let them know what's going on. You should also claim all the benefits and tax credits you're entitled to. This might take some time so while you are doing it keep in touch with your mortgage lender

so they know what you are doing. If you need help ask – that's what your local CAB is there for.

It is important to remember that lenders should show that they have exhausted every possible option before applying for a possession order. Even on the day of a possession hearing, there are things that can be done – around four in five repossessions can still be stopped if the households attend court and access free advice. To find out if your court has such a duty desk scheme go to www.nhas.org.uk

Finally, remember that concerned homeowners can get free, impartial advice from their local CAB, www.adviceguide.org, or from www.direct.gov.uk/mortgage help, or the National Debtline's advisors on 0808 808 4000.

Haverhill CAB can be found at the Centre for Voluntary Agencies, in Lower Downs Slade, Haverhill, CB9 9HB. The bureau is open for anybody to drop in without an appointment between 11am and 4pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and between 11am and 2pm on Fridays.

For telephone advice phone (01440) 704012 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 9.30am and 11am and on Wednesday from noon to 4pm. Appointment for general advice can be made by arrangement on (01440) 762194 www.adviceguide.org.uk also provides information.

If you would like to join the bureau as a volunteer please ring 0845 1 264 264.

Home set to get green light, despite objection

PLANNING chiefs are expected to make a decision on a housing proposal in Kedington in the New Year.

The application, submitted by Colin Elsom, is for a new dwelling to be

built in the side garden of 2 School Crescent. The plans follow the demolition of an attached outbuilding in October.

It has been amended since its original submission to reduce the

size of the dwelling and to alter the style of roof.

The parish council has objected to the application, but it has been recommended for approval.

The plans also include

building vehicular and pedestrian accesses on the site.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council is set to make a decision at its next meeting on January 7.

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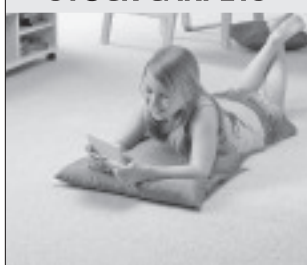
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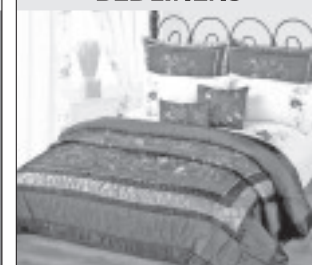
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Hospice benefits from staff fundraising bid

BY JO DEEKS

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STAFF members at biotech company Genzyme have handed over a bumper cheque for £2,886 to their local hospice.

Employees at Genzyme Haverhill Operations presented the cheque to St Nicholas' Hospice at Bury St Edmunds, as the culmination of a fundraising challenge set by the organisation's operations across the globe. In addition, staff contributed over 100 hours worth of volunteering activity at the hospice helping with maintenance work.

The effort was part of Genzyme's global volunteer programme – Genzyme Invests in Volunteer Efforts (G.I.V.E), which inspires its employees worldwide to volunteer for initiatives in their local communities.

Genzyme's Community Relations Team at Haverhill organised a series of fundraising events throughout the summer in support of the hospice, which was the company's chosen charity this year.

Abby Hunt, representing St Nicholas Hospice, said: "Genzyme have been a massive support to St Nicholas Hospice Care during 2009 offering enthusiasm and generosity across a number of different fundraising challenges. It has been my privilege to work with a team of such determined professionals, and I hope for our relationship to continue during 2010."

Youngsters are handed 'Oscars'

CHILDREN at Linton Infant School got the VIP treatment.

The red carpet was laid down as Year One pupils dressed in their finery for their very own Oscar Awards ceremony.

As a culmination of the school's chosen topic for the term, theatre and show-time, the youngsters were presented with golden model Oscars they had made themselves.

Categories included best acting, singing and performance, which were judged at the Year One assembly and Christmas play.

The winners were then treated to an exclusive lunch in their classrooms followed by a traditional Oscar Ball, with dancing such as the waltz and cha-cha.



Piping hot: Domino's staff, from left, Emma Hoy, Lucy Christodoulou, James Irvine, Sam Irons and Mark Wiltshire, brave the cold to hand out free slices to passing shoppers to mark the firm's first birthday in Haverhill.

Free slices mark first year

FREE pizza was on offer to Haverhill residents last week.

Staff from the town's Domino's Pizza celebrated its first year of trade by treating the local community to some margarita slices.

Store manager Jonathan Meakings, who organised the give-away, said: "We wanted to do something really special for our first birthday and we couldn't think of any better way than bringing our piping hot pizzas to the cold and weary

shoppers of Haverhill."

More than 1,750 slices of free pizza were handed out in just over two hours.

The Domino's Pizza store, located in Brybank Road, recently received a coveted Gold Food Hygiene Award from St Edmundsbury Borough Council in recognition of its outstanding level of training, management control, food handling procedures, structure and layout.

Drug team's warning over 'legal highs'

REVELLERS celebrating the New Year festivities are being warned about the dangers of taking "legal highs".

The Suffolk Drug and Alcohol Team is alerting people about the risks in dabbling with these substances, which although called legal highs, have not been endorsed by the government or the NHS.

Simon Alders, team manager, said: "The key message for anyone considering using these chemicals is, do not drink alcohol.

"It is important to remember that these chemicals have not been tested on anything, so by taking them, you are taking an experimental substance.

"No one really knows how this stuff will affect people, either in the short or long term.

"We also want to warn people that everyone reacts differently to these chemicals and just because you took the same substance last week, it doesn't mean you will get the same effect this week, or that if your mate took it, you will have the same reaction as them.

"Another point to remember is that just because the packaging looks good, the name sounds cool or the person you are buying it from seems to be offering you some advice, does not make these chemicals safe."

For more information, visit www.suffolkdaat.org.uk

MEP pushes for victory in World Cup



2010 could deliver a double dose of success, according to Suffolk Euro MEP Richard Howitt.

The Labour MEP is spearheading efforts with European colleagues to secure the support of football associations with crucial votes on the FIFA committee awarding the 2018 World Cup finals.

Mr Howitt (pictured left) is not only predicting an English World Cup victory in 2010 but is trying to ensure English success as host nation for 2018.

The MEP, who is an

avid football fan and leading member of the European Parliaments Sports group, is also calling on Haverhill residents to play their part and send a strong message of public support to FIFA by signing up to the bid on the Football Association's website.

He said: "This coming year may bring many things but I am sure that England's victory in the World Cup will be one of them.

"Not only that but I will be doing everything that I can to help win our bid to host the

2018 finals. I urge people in Suffolk to do there bit too and back the bid online.

"It is important for a European nation to win the bid for 2018, but only England can make it a success for the whole continent.

"I will be pushing to win the support of European football associations that sit on FIFA's committee to secure England's victory as host nation.

"Being chosen as host nation would be great news for the country and great to bring the game back to its birthplace."

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Review of news from the towns and villages throughout 2009

2009 – a year full of highs and lows and everything in between

JANUARY:

Fears were raised that Haverhill was being left without adequate medical cover after Cllr Margaret Marks was told the Haverhill ambulance was being moved to stand-by in Cambridge.

Frozen food giant Iceland confirmed plans to open a new branch in the former Woolworths store in Haverhill. The store was one of 51 empty Woolworths premises bought by Iceland, which company bosses predicted would create 2,500 new jobs across the country.

Almost 500 workers were faced with redundancy when food company Vion Food Group announced its plans to close the abattoir and butchery at its Little Wratting pork processing site in Haverhill.

FEBRUARY:

Haverhill Town Council announced plans to give £25,000 in extra funding to organisations offering financial advice and debt counselling to residents hit by the economic crisis.

A teenager was left fighting for his life with critical head injuries after a car crash on the Haverhill bypass near the Burton End roundabout.

As a new year kicks off, we look back at the stories that hit the headlines in and around Haverhill in 2009.



Financial assistance: Maria Mitchell, credit union development officer, helps launch a credit union scheme in Haverhill.

A new credit union was launched in Haverhill to help people with poor credit ratings as a result of the recession. The scheme was founded by Havebury Housing Partnership and St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

More than 300 people attended a consultation for the North West Haverhill scheme to look at plans for a new relief road and 750 new homes.

MARCH:

A suspected drug den which had made life misery for Haverhill residents was shut down following a "crackhouse

closure" order from West Suffolk Magistrates' Court. Popular fast-food vendor Ertunc Mihrikani – known as Stav to loyal customers – was left reeling after his kebab van was stolen from his lock-up in Cambridge Way, putting his livelihood at risk.

The *Weekly News* £40,000 St Nicholas Hospice at Home Appeal hits its target, thanks to the generosity of readers. The money was used to provide care for Haverhill patients in their own home, saving them the trip to the hospice in Bury St Edmunds.

A new report identified St Edmundsbury as the rural area with the eighth best quality of life in the country, a result backed by Haverhill mayor Les Ager as a tribute to the town's community spirit.

APRIL:

Terrified Haverhill resident Margaita Lown described how she ran for her life after being racially abused on three occasions in the past seven months, despite having lived in the town for six years.

A disgraced majorette

trainer escaped a jail sentence after admitting stealing from children for a second time on account of her psychiatric problems. Jacqueline Gehring paid £3,600 from majorette groups into her bank account and received a suspended sentence.

Widow May Prior was left distraught after receiving a letter addressed to her late husband Laurence offering him life insurance – despite him having passed away from cancer nearly four years earlier.

MAY:

Grandfather Michael Murphy was given a suspended jail sentence and ordered to pay £2,500 compensation to a 13-year-old girl he punched and pushed against a wall. Murphy had been drinking on St Patrick's Day when he was abused by a group of youths and chased them down Haverhill High Street.

Teacher Roussel De Carvalho was selected to take part in an expedition to Antarctica, giving him until November 2010 to raise the £15,000 needed for the 30-day trip.

The latest Cinebabies screening took place at Haverhill Cineworld cinema, one of only two branches in the country piloting the scheme. Staff were available to look after the babies if they needed attention, allowing parents to enjoy the film uninterrupted. Sainsbury's Haverhill store held a host of activities to celebrate the grocery giant's 140th birthday. Staff dressed in period costume, and Noel Mahon, who first worked for the retailer in 1948, cut a cake to celebrate.

JUNE:

Two men were arrested in Haverhill following a police chase across Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. A police van and a



Adventure: teacher Roussel De Carvalho was selected to take part in an expedition to Antarctica.

car were hijacked at gunpoint, with the car being abandoned in Haverhill. Robert Inman, 37, was later given an indeterminate sentence and told it will be at least seven years until he is considered for parole. Builder Francis Boyle took his case to the High Court after being banned from all licensed premises in the town, claiming it had made a "horrendous" impact on his life and should be overturned.

Michael Collyer admitted a daylight sex attack on a 12-year-old girl which sparked a major manhunt in the town and left his victim traumatised. Eight-year-old Alice Weir donated her long blonde hair to make wigs for children who had lost their hair through chemotherapy treatment for cancer.

JULY:

Pupils at Thurlow Primary School surprised teacher Catherine Cherry with a mock wedding ceremony for her and groom-to-be Adam Kimber. Nine-year-old George Allin played the part of vicar and sweets were used as edible wedding rings.

Sprightly octogenarian Betty Sizer took to the skies in a DeHavilland



All gone: Alice Weir, 8, said goodbye to her long locks to help make wigs for chemotherapy patients.

Tiger Moth bi-plane at Marshall's airfield, raising £350 for St Nicholas Hospice in Bury St Edmunds.

Delighted youngsters got to experience the new £650,000 Kids City play area at the reopened Haverhill Leisure Centre. This was the final stage of a £5.2 million refurbishment and includes a cafeteria, party rooms and crèche.

Angry postal workers slammed a move by Royal Mail to close a parcel collection office three hours early. One angry staff member said the move put their jobs at risk at a time when morale was already at rock bottom.

AUGUST:

Serial fraudster Trina

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Review of news throughout 2009



Help at hand: Kay Murrow, Jane Wythe, Trevor Farrington, Caroline Wade and Irene Clark are among the team now providing in-home hospice care for patients in and around Haverhill, thanks to a £40,000 appeal run by the *Weekly News* and supported by our readers.

Spiteri was faced with a fine of £50,000 after being caught by sharp-eyed shop staff at Argos in Haverhill. It was discovered that Spiteri had carried out a two-year run of defrauding the store's branches across Suffolk and Essex.

A police raid on a four-bedroom house in Haverhill revealed a sophisticated cannabis factory with up to 400 plants worth a street value of between £60,000 and £80,000. Two men who lived at the property and claimed to work at a Chinese restaurant were arrested.

A row over a missing mobile phone SIM card in Leather Lane led to a terrified man being threatened with a machete. Sam M'Barki was found guilty of bursting into the address and holding the weapon close to the victim's face.

A mother-of-two who was caught with a bag containing £70,000 worth of cocaine after meeting a drug dealer from Haverhill was jailed for two years. Kathleen Taylor was found guilty despite pleading her innocence throughout the case.

SEPTEMBER:

Work on a new £1.95 million football stadium for Haverhill Rovers FC began with a turf-cutting ceremony. Cllr John Griffiths and club president Terry McGerty did the honours in front of supporters and young players.

The revamped Haverhill bus station came into criticism from users who complained it was worse than the old one, with shelters too narrow for buggies or wheelchairs. One resident called the overhaul an "embarrassment" to the council, who said it would investigate. Suffolk County Council later announced it would look at making changes.

A man from Marlborough Court, Haverhill, was jailed for 16 months for stabbing a man twice in the back after goading him into a fight outside a town centre pub. The attack by Daniel Maney caused Gary Auger to miss work and lose £3,000 in earnings.

Three heroic police officers saved a suicidal woman's life by clinging on to her for 30 minutes as she tried to throw herself off a bridge. The 19-year-old climbed over the railings of the footbridge above Wrattling Road but was rescued by Pcs Kelly Waggett, Matthew Dale, and Christopher Strahm.

OCTOBER:

Funding from family baker Warburtons meant pupils of Castle Hill School were able to eat their lunches al fresco. The outdoor healthy eating picnic area was made possible by a £400 donation to the school, which also began educating children on the nutritional value of their meals.

Local dancer Zoe Evans, 12, of Falcon Close, won an audition from more than 20,000 applications to appear on the new Sky One 'Just Dance' talent competition, appearing in front of celebrity judges including Davina McCall and Ashley Banjo from Diversity.

The devastated parents of Haverhill man, Mark Porter, spoke of their grief after he drowned while swimming on holiday in the Spanish resort of Salou. A vicar's son was sent to prison after his own lawyer said custody was the best hope for him to beat drugs. Timothy Finn, 21, was sentenced to 12 weeks in jail for several offences including carrying a knife in a children's playground.

NOVEMBER:

Plans to move Haverhill's Friday market into the High Street were met with

concern from residents who feared the narrow Quakers Lane would be opened up to more traffic and become a rat run. Police officers attempting to break up an illegal rave in a disused warehouse were pelted with missiles by hostile yobs. More than 200 people attended the gathering at the former Winmau dartboard factory in Homefield Road.

People across Haverhill came up with creative ideas to raise money for Children in Need. Three brave male volunteers had their legs waxed at the C and B Beautiful salon, and staff wore their pyjamas to work and raised over £300 for the appeal.

A man who suffered a heart attack while exercising on a static bike at the Feel Good Fitness Centre was saved by the quick response of a paramedic, a community first responder and an emergency doctor.

DECEMBER:

A new supermarket recycling centre at the Tesco superstore in Haverhill was opened by youngsters from St Felix RC Primary School. The store awarded the school £500 as it began its pledge to make recycling in the community easier and more convenient. Haverhill's family late night shopping event brought out the crowds with shops staying open, charity stalls set up in the streets and fairground rides for young and old. The festive fun was ended with a spectacular fireworks display before an appreciative audience.



Under way: Cllr John Griffiths and Haverhill Rovers club president Terry McGerty at the turf cutting ceremony to mark the start of work on a new £1.95 million stadium.

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Girls model holiday on air, land and sea

SISTERS Josie and Molly Proctor let their imaginations run wild when they designed a model of a theme park ride – which has won their family a dream holiday in Florida in the United States.

Nine-year-old Josie and Molly, 7, entered the competition in the *National Geographic Magazine for Kids* with their model, titled *Air, Land and Sea* to win a holiday for four in Florida.

Proud mum Chrissy said it cost a whopping £21 to send the parcel containing the girls' model, which was about three feet high, to London, and she had never dreamt that they might win the holiday.

She said: "We just can't wait to go. I am so proud of them both because they worked really hard on it, it was huge. They had to make a model or draw a picture of a ride for one of the Busch Gardens theme parks. They spent several weeks making a huge model of a rollercoaster which started in the air with birds and then came down to the middle level where they painted a savannah with tigers, giraffes, lions and then down into the sea where they made a coral reef and fish, whales and dolphins and had great fun making it.

"Not having had a family holiday for several years they were over the moon when they learnt that they had won 12 nights in a four-star hotel opposite Sea World along with tickets for



Creative: the model, which won Josie and Molly Proctor, and their parents, a 12-night holiday to Florida.

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Busch Gardens, Aquatica, Sea World and Discovery Cove. It is a fantastic holiday with lots of hidden extras, we can't wait to go."

The girls, who live in Haverhill, attend Stanley Drapkin Primary School at Steeple Bumpstead. The family is set to leave

for the holiday next month and the girls will keep a diary of their trip so their adventures can be featured in the magazine.

Boxes of joy for children

HAVERHILL residents helped to give deprived children a happier Christmas this year.

Thanks to the kindness of people in the town and across Suffolk, more than 17,800 shoeboxes full of presents were sent out via the Operation Christmas Child scheme. The shoeboxes full of presents were donated by members of the public, schools, companies, churches and organisations from communities across the town.

Gordon McCann, spokesman for the project, said: "On behalf of Operation Christmas Child and all our volunteers, I just want to send a huge thank you to every single person who donated a shoebox this year. This has been a hard year for many people in Suffolk, and we are just knocked out by the fact so many of them have put together a shoebox."

Stay warm this winter

HEALTH chiefs have warned people to keep warm this winter to avoid cold-related illnesses. The reminder by NHS Cambridgeshire is part of the NHS's Keep Warm, Keep Well campaign. Dr Dennis Cox, of the trust, urged people to dress warmly, insulate their homes and get a seasonal flu jab.

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Dick and co create a magical panto vibe

As far as I'm concerned, this time of year needs a healthy dose of panto fun.

Luckily, Cambridge has one of the best pantomime teams I know and this year's Dick Whittington presents another sure-fire hit.

Armed with just a hanky on a stick, Dick arrives in London amid the worst recession since 1492.

Here he finds that, though the streets aren't paved with gold, they are filled with friendly faces and pretty girls – including Alice, the beautiful trainee plumber.

But the course of true love never did run smooth – especially when you throw in men in lipstick and the odd power-hungry rat – and Dick must prove his virtue before winning the hand of his fair – yet practical-minded – maiden.

Like all good pantos, Dick Whittington is filled with laughs on all levels. And thanks to the winning comedy formula of Brad

JENNIFER SHELTON gets into the seasonal spirit of the Arts panto



Starring roles: in the cast of Dick Whittington at Cambridge Arts Theatre are Julie Buckfield as Dick and Amy Castledine as Alice.

Picture: Warren Gunn 616407

Fitt and Matt Crosby I was just as tickled by the falling over and water-in-the-face gags as I was by the shameless double-entendres.

The night's audience seemed particularly rowdy, picking up on jokes that I suspect weren't necessarily intended.

That's one of the great

things about panto – the crowd has just as big a role as the cast, giving the entertainment a real organic, unpredictable edge.

Congratulations go to Ruth in the stalls, who handled being picked on at various points throughout the show with good grace, not to mention Alexander – 8

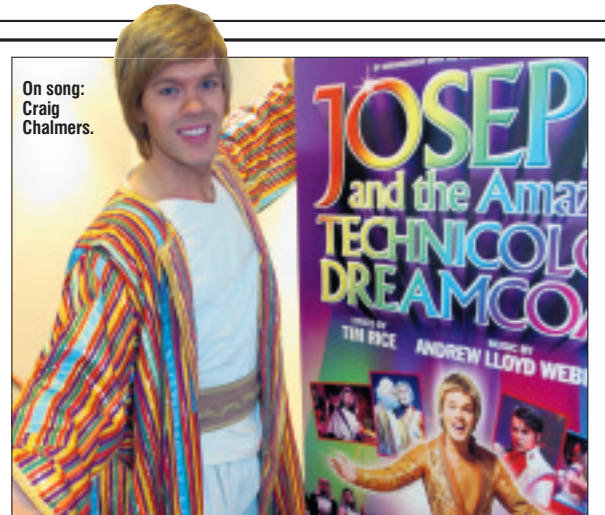
going on 22 – who stole the song-sheet scene with a detailed rendition of his Christmas list that no-one was expecting.

As ever, we were treated to some fabulously outlandish costumes, plenty of song-and-dance numbers and several spectacular sets.

The energy and effort

behind this show comes out in each performance, inevitably infecting the audience to create that magical panto vibe.

■ **Dick Whittington**, Cambridge Arts Theatre, 10.30am/2pm/6pm/7pm until January 17. Tickets from £10. Contact (01223) 503333 or visit www.cambridgeartstheatre.com



On song: Craig Chalmers.

Dream of a show is a belter

JOSEPH and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was a bit of a revelation for me.

Sure – I knew the story from the Bible but what the good book missed out, and what the genius of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber added, was glitz, glamour, Elvis and, in this production, inflatable sheep.

The singing was excellent with star Craig Chalmers producing a faultless performance. Tara Bethan as the narrator belted out a strong performance and Stephen Webb was a charismatic Pharaoh (Elvis) – though his jump-suited impression was somewhat dampened by the acoustics of the Corn Exchange which made much of his performance incomprehensible. Sadly – because he sounded brilliant.

If there's one criticism it's that the show has become, by all accounts of those who've seen other versions in

the West End, a bit simplified and rests too heavily on the shoulders of the main character. What you don't get is the crucial relationship between Joseph and Benjamin as all the limelight shines on Chalmers. That loss of depth is a regret for adults watching the show. OK – and one other small niggle is Chalmers' tan... a tad orange with a hint of autumn shades which doesn't really help in the prison scenes when he's supposed to be stuffed in a dungeon.

But – the whinges are only on reflection as the powerful talent on stage and rip-roaring production certainly got everyone moving and I'd give the whole thing 9 out of 10.

■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, until Sunday, January 3. Times and prices vary. Call (01223) 357 851 or visit www.cornex.co.uk

Paul Holland

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Tue 5 Jan 1.30pm

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Thu 7 Jan 7.45pm

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Times from Friday, January 1, until Thursday, January 7.

Did You Hear About The Morgans? (PG): Daily 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm; Fri, Sat & Sun 1.15pm; Fri & Sat 10.45am.**Nine (12A)**: Daily 5.45pm, 8.30pm; Daily except Tue, Wed & Thu 3pm; Fri, Sat & Sun 12.15pm.**Sherlock Holmes (12A)**: Daily 5.30pm, 8.15pm; Daily except Tue, Wed & Thu 2.15pm, Fri & Sat 11.15am.**Alvin And The Chipmunks 2 - The Squeakquel** (U): Daily 4pm; Daily except Tue, Wed & Thu 1.30pm; Fri, Sat & Mon 11am.**Avatar (12A)**: Daily 4.15pm (subtitled Sun), 7.45pm; Daily except Tue, Wed & Thu 12.45pm (subtitled Mon).**St Trinian's 2 - The Legend Of Fritton's Gold** (PG): Daily 6.30pm, 9pm.**Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs** (U): Sat 10.30am.**G-Force** (PG): Sat 10.15am.

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A Christmas Carol (PG):

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Times from Friday, January 1, until Thursday, January 7.

Daybreakers (15): Wed & Thu 12.10pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm.**Did You Hear About The Morgans?** (PG): Daily 1.45pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9.15pm; Daily except Tue, Wed & Thu 11.15am.**Nine (12A)**: Daily 12.10pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.40pm.**Sherlock Holmes (12A)**: Daily 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm, 8.30pm; Daily except Tue, Wed & Thu 11.40am.**Alvin And The Chipmunks 2 - The Squeakquel** (U): Daily noon, 2.10pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm; Fri, Sat & Sun 11.20am, 1.40pm.**Avatar 3D (12A)**: Daily noon, 1pm, 3.20pm, 4.40pm, 7pm, 8.20pm, 8.50pm.**Avatar (12A)**: Daily except Wed & Thu 4pm, 7.40pm; Mon & Tue 12.20pm.**St Trinian's 2 - The Legend Of Fritton's Gold** (PG): Daily 1.55pm, 4.25pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm; Fri, Sun & Mon 11.30am.**Where The Wild Things Are** (PG): Daily except Tue, Wed & Thu 10.40am.**Planet 51** (U): Daily except Tue, Wed & Thu 11.10am.**Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs** (U): Sat 10am.**G-Force** (PG): Sat 10am.**Aliens In The Attic** (PG): Sat 10am.

NEW YEAR'S DAY



BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.
9.00 Bear Behaving Badly.
9.20 What's New Scooby-Doo?
9.45 FILM: The Sword in the Stone (1963). Disney animated adventure.
11.05 FILM: Muppet Treasure Island (1996). Musical puppet comedy, with Tim Curry.
12.35 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message.
12.40 BBC News; Weather.
12.50 Regional News; Weather.
12.55 Doctor Who.
1.55 FILM: Shark Tale (2004). Animated adventure.
3.15 FILM: Superman Returns (2006). Comic-book adventure.
5.40 BBC News; Weather.
6.00 Look East; Weather.
6.10 EastEnders.
6.40 Doctor Who.
7.55 EastEnders. Zainab refuses to believe a word of what Christian says.
8.30 Celebrity Mastermind.
9.00 Gavin & Stacey. With preparations for the wedding in full swing, Stacey has news for Gavin.
9.30 Qi.
10.00 Live at the Apollo.
10.30 BBC News; Weather.
10.45 The National Lottery EuroMillions Draw.
10.55 FILM: Sweet Home Alabama (2002) Comedy.
12.40 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.00 Me Too!
6.20 Big Cook Little Cook.
6.40 Brum.
6.55 Pingu.
7.00 Arthur.
7.25 Inside Life.
7.55 Gimme a Break.
8.25 Wainwright Walks.
8.55 Great Railway Journeys.
9.45 Animal Park.
10.15 Who Do You Think You Are? New Year's Day Concert.
11.15 FILM: Big Jake (1971). Western, starring John Wayne.
12.40 FILM: The Guns of Navarone (1961). WWII adventure.
2.25 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message.
5.00 Funny Women: Mollie Sugden.
5.30 Funny Turns: John Inman.
6.00 Are You Being Served? The Story of Are You Being Served? Examining the appeal of the TV sitcom.
7.30 Are You Being Served? Colourised pilot episode of the vintage comedy.
8.00 Three Men Go to Ireland. Part two of two. The companions head toward Limerick.
9.00 FILM: The Good Shepherd (2006). A CIA worker faces a terrible choice between national security and the safety of his family. Spy drama.
11.40 I'm Alan Partridge. Alan meets his biggest fan.
12.10 I'm Alan Partridge.

ITV

- 6.00 GMTV.
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal.
10.25 FILM: Carry On Screaming (1966). British spoof horror.
12.15 ITV News and Weather.
12.30 FILM: Some Like It Hot (1959). Two musicians don drag and join an all-girl band to evade their gangster pursuers. Romantic comedy.
2.50 The Railway Children.
4.50 FILM: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971). An eccentric confectionery king takes a group of youngsters on a tour of his empire. Musical adventure, starring Gene Wilder and Jack Albertson.
6.40 ITV News and Weather.
7.00 Emmerdale. Ryan jumps at the chance to go to Home Farm with Katie, but only because he cannot stop thinking about Maisie.
7.30 Coronation Street. Steve and Becky wonder if their marriage was a mistake.
8.00 Countrywise.
8.30 Coronation Street. Unable to agree with Steve about babies, Becky announces she is going to sleep on the sofa.
9.00 Agatha Christie's Marple.
11.00 ITV News and Weather.
11.15 Piers Morgan's Review of the Year. The presenter and journalist looks back at the events and news that dominated 2009.
12.45 FILM: Connie and Carla (2004) Comedy.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.05 Sali Mali.
6.10 Planet Cook.
6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba.
6.55 Everybody Loves Raymond.
7.20 FILM: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004). Children's animated comedy.
8.50 T4: Friends.
9.20 T4: Friends.
9.55 T4: 90210.
10.50 T4: Mariah Carey Special: Under the Skin.
11.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.
12.55 Jamie at Home.
1.30 Channel 4 Racing.
4.00 Deal or No Deal: New Year Special.
5.00 Come Dine with Me.
6.00 The Simpsons.
6.30 Hollyoaks.
7.00 Channel 4 News.
7.05 FILM: The Italian Job (1969). Crime comedy.
9.05 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2009. Jimmy Carr is joined by Russell Brand, Claudia Winkelman, Charlie Brooker, Jonathan Ross, David Mitchell and Rob Brydon for the quiz show looking back on events of the past year.
11.10 Gordon Ramsay's F Word. Greek restaurant Retsina and Moroccan establishment Doukan prepare sardines, prawn and mussel tagine, a mixed grill and a spiced apple cake in the final heat.
12.35 Rude Tube.

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- 6.00 Elmo's World.
6.15 Pocoyo.
6.25 Thomas & Friends.
6.35 Hana's Helpline.
6.45 Peppa Pig.
6.50 Fireman Sam.
7.00 The Beeps.
7.15 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.
7.20 Roary the Racing Car.
7.30 Noddy in Toyland.
7.40 Fifi and the Flowertots.
7.55 Peppa Pig.
8.05 Peppa Pig.
8.10 Thomas & Friends.
8.25 The WotWots.
8.40 Adventures of Bottle Top Bill.
9.00 Little Princess.
9.15 The Milkshake! Show.
9.45 The Mr Men Show.
10.00 Olivia.
10.15 Animal Rescue Squad.
10.45 Ice Road Truckers.
11.45 Crusoe.
12.45 FILM: The Muppets' Wizard of Oz (2005).
2.40 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz: The Making of a Movie Classic.
3.50 FILM: The Wizard of Oz (1939).
5.50 Five News Update.
6.00 Knight Rider.
7.00 Cowboy Builders.
8.00 The Lion Cub from Harrods.
9.00 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. Three episodes of the popular crime drama.
12.00 SuperCasino.

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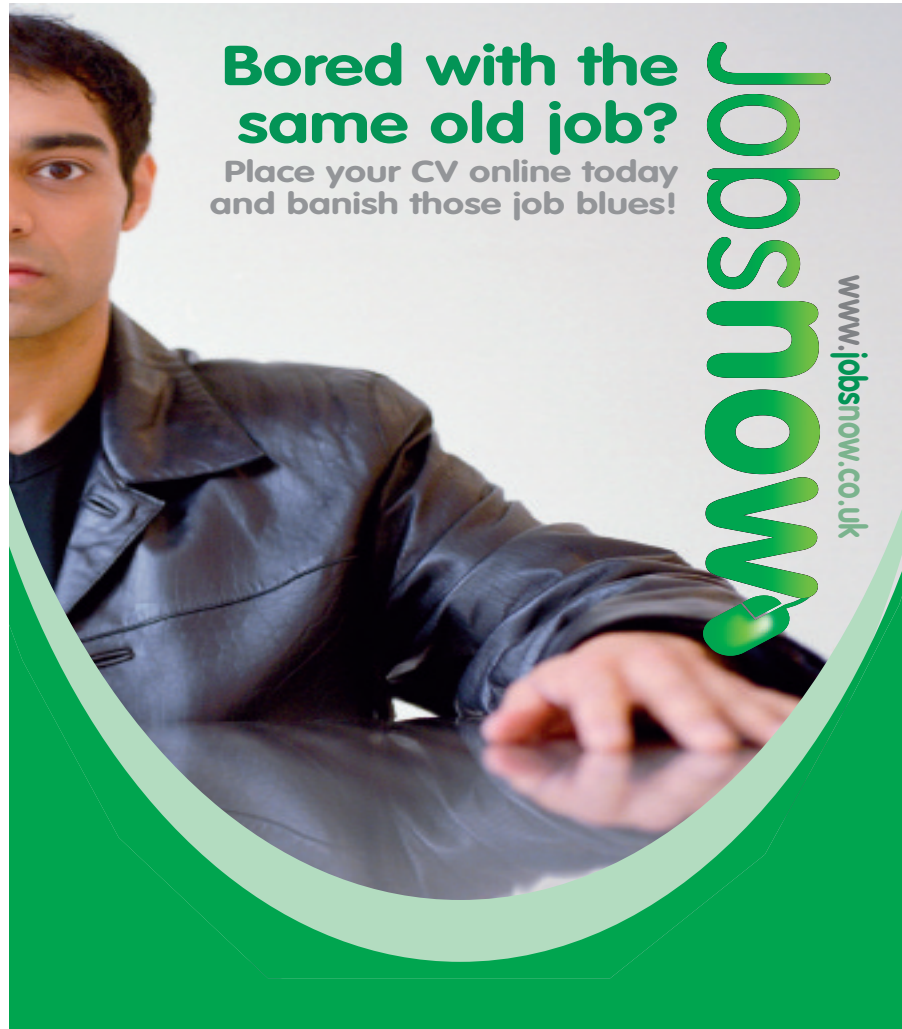
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SATURDAY



BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen.
11.35 Rachel Allen: Home Cooking.
12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
12.15 Football Focus.
1.00 Inside Sport: Kieren Fallon: The Road to Redemption. Clare Balding interviews the three-time Derby-winner.
1.30 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. The opening day of the organisation's blue-ribbon event at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green.
4.30 Final Score. Round-up of football results.
5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
5.30 Hole in the Wall. With Graham Cole, Gemma Merna, Kristian Digby and Alison Hammond.
6.00 So You Think You Can Dance. Special.
7.15 The National Lottery: In It to Win It.
9.05 Casualty. Feature-length episode. Adam and Jessica's wedding is interrupted by a summons to the hospital to treat the victims of a major road accident.
10.55 BBC News; Weather.
11.15 FILM: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (2004). Seventies-set comedy, starring Will Ferrell.
12.55 Sign Zone: The Hairy Bikers' Twelve Days of Christmas.

BBC2

- 6.00 Me Too!
6.20 Big Cook Little Cook.
6.40 Brum.
6.55 Pingu.
7.00 Dennis and Gnasher.
7.30 Shaun the Sheep.
7.40 What's New Scooby-Doo?
8.00 Blast Lab.
8.30 Skate Nation.
9.30 Prank Patrol.
10.00 Ed and Ocho.
10.30 Keep Your Enemies Close.
11.00 The Slammer.
11.30 Animals at Work.
12.00 Greek. Casey tries to distract attention from Cappie's new relationship.
12.45 BBC Switch: The Season.
1.15 BBC Switch: The 5:19 Show.
1.35 BBC Switch: The Cut.
2.00 FILM: Spirited Away (2002). Animated fantasy.
4.00 Escape to the Country.
5.00 Coast. The shoreline of Wales.
6.00 Live Darts: BDO World Championships.
7.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring's men pose as traitors.
8.00 Elvis By The Presleys.
9.30 Elvis: Black Leather - The '68 Comeback Special. Highlights of Elvis Presley's 1968 TV performance.
10.20 QI XL.
11.05 FILM: The Assassination of Richard Nixon (2004). Fact-based thriller.
12.35 Darts: BDO World Championships.

ITV

- 6.00 GMTV.
9.25 The Planet's Funniest Animals. Troublesome pets and crazy wild animals.
9.55 Coronation Street. Omnibus.
12.15 News and Weather.
12.20 FILM: Batteries Not Included (1987). Sci-fi fantasy, starring Jessica Tandy.
2.15 FILM: Interspace (1987). Sci-fi comedy, starring Dennis Quaid.
4.30 News and Weather.
5.00 Live FA Cup Football. Reading v Liverpool (Kick-off 5.15pm).
7.15 Take Me Out. New series. Comedian Paddy McGuinness plays matchmaker to 30 women all looking for love.
8.15 All Star Mr & Mrs. New series. This Morning host Holly Willoughby and husband Dan, tennis legend Boris Becker and wife Sharley, and TV presenter Judith Chalmers and husband Neil take part in the show.
9.20 Piers Morgan On. The journalist and TV presenter visits Las Vegas, where he chats to socialite and actress Paris Hilton and goes gambling with action superstar Sylvester Stallone.
10.15 ITV News and Weather.
10.30 FA Cup Football Highlights. Matt Smith presents action from the third-round ties.
12.00 FILM: Buffalo Bill and the Indians (1976) Western biopic, starring Paul Newman.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 The Treacle People.
6.15 The Hoobs.
7.05 Freeports on 4.
8.00 The Morning Line.
8.55 T4: Friends.
9.25 T4: Friends.
10.00 T4: Mariah Carey Special: Under the Skin.
11.00 T4: Ugly Betty.
11.55 T4: Rihanna Live.
1.00 T4: Scrubs.
1.30 T4: Scrubs.
2.00 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park and Ayr.
4.00 Come Dine with Me. Five instalments of the culinary competition.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 FILM: Night at the Museum (2006). A newly appointed nightwatchman at New York's Museum of Natural History discovers that his job entails more than he had bargained for. Comedy adventure, starring Ben Stiller, Dick Van Dyke and Ricky Gervais.
9.05 FILM: Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee (2007). Three stories are woven together to explore the effects on the American Indian culture of the United States' westward expansion in the late 19th century. Epic drama.
11.40 FILM: The Cider House Rules (1999). Drama, starring Tobey Maguire and an Oscar-winning Michael Caine.
2.00 Home Road Movies.

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- 6.00 Sunrise.
7.00 Milkshake!: Angels of Jarm.
7.05 Fireman Sam.
7.20 Rupert Bear.
7.30 Milkshake Monkey.
7.35 Hana's Helpline.
7.45 Make Way for Noddy.
7.55 Sailor Sid.
8.00 Roobarb and Custard Too.
8.10 Adventures of Bottle Top Bill.
8.25 The Mr Men Show.
8.45 Harry and His Bucket.
9.00 Olivia.
9.15 Little Princess.
9.35 Gerald McBoing Boing.
10.00 NFL UK.
11.00 Ice Road Truckers.
12.00 Crusoe.
12.55 Zoo Days.
1.25 FILM: Mrs Lambert Remembers Love (1991). Family drama.
3.25 FILM: Only You (1994). Romantic comedy.
5.30 Five News.
5.40 FILM: The Mirror Has Two Faces (1996). Romantic comedy, with Barbra Streisand.
8.00 NCIS. The team is called to a national forest where several women have gone missing.
9.00 CSI: NY. Hawkes and Danny investigate the death of an heiress.
10.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.
10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.
12.00 SuperCasino.



Elvis By The Presleys
BBC2, Saturday, 8pm



Agatha Christie's Poirot
ITV, Sunday, 8pm



Celebrity Big Brother
Channel Four, Sunday, 9pm



CSI: NY
five, Saturday, 9pm

SUNDAY



BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 The Big Questions.
11.00 Country Tracks.
12.00 BBC News.
12.05 Cash in the Attic. Helping a hoarder raise funds to smarten up his guest house.
1.05 EastEnders. Omnibus.
3.40 Doctor Who. David Tennant's final appearance as the Doctor.
4.55 Songs of Praise. Aled Jones meets people who are preparing to face new challenges in 2010.
5.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.00 Life. David Attenborough narrates this documentary exploring extreme behaviour in the natural world, uncovering some of the strategies animals have developed to stay alive and to breed.
7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury reflect on their favourite encounters with British countryside creatures.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team set sail for the Channel Islands.
9.00 Wallander.
10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.55 FILM: Under the Tuscan Sun (2003). A writer takes a trip to Tuscany to get over her divorce and a bad case of writer's block.
12.40 The Sky at Night.

BBC2

- 6.00 Me Too!
6.20 Big Cook Little Cook.
6.40 Brum.
6.55 Pingu.
7.00 Arthur.
7.15 Dennis and Gnasher.
7.40 The Basil Brush Show.
8.05 Jinx.
8.30 Dani's House.
9.00 The Story of Tracy Beaker.
9.30 MI High.
10.00 Something for the Weekend.
11.30 Escape to the Country.
12.15 Animal Park.
1.00 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Day two at the Lakeside Country Club.
4.45 Ski Sunday. World Cup highlights.
5.30 Live Darts: BDO World Championships.
7.00 This World: Closing Guantanamo. Michael Portillo examines the infamous American detention camp.
8.00 Top Gear.
9.00 Elvis in Vegas. Using archive footage, this documentary explores the story of how Elvis Presley transformed Las Vegas but how the same city helped to destroy him.
10.00 Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii. This 1973 concert features Elvis Presley singing 25 of his greatest hits.
11.05 Three Men Go to Ireland.
12.05 Darts: BDO World Championships.

ITV

- 6.00 GMTV.
9.25 FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from the third-round ties.
10.55 FILM: Beethoven's 5th (2003). Family comedy, starring Daveigh Chase.
12.40 News and Weather.
12.44 Anglia Weather.
12.45 Live FA Cup Football. Manchester United v Leeds United (Kick-off 1.00pm).
3.15 Athletes Do the Funniest Things. Video clips of unusual games and sports.
3.45 Anglia News and Weather.
4.00 Live FA Cup Football. West Ham United v Arsenal (Kick-off 4.15pm).
6.30 ITV News and Weather.
6.45 Harry Hill's the Best of TV Burp. Another chance to see Harry's take on cult series including Snog, Marry, Avoid? and Natural Born Sellers.
7.15 All Star Family Fortunes.
8.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot. The detective's friend Sir Charles Cartwright hosts a cocktail party where an amiable local reverend chokes to death on his drink.
10.00 ITV News and Weather.
10.15 Cops with Cameras. An insight into the war on drugs across the nation.
11.15 FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from today's third-round matches.
12.15 Premiership Rugby Union.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.10 The Hoobs.
7.05 Beach Volleyball.
8.00 Sailing. The iShares Cup.
8.30 Freeports on 4.
8.55 T4: The Hills. Lauren and Heidi still cannot work through their differences.
9.25 T4: Friends.
9.55 T4: Hollyoaks. Omnibus.
12.25 T4: Your Top 20 Celebrity Big Brother Moments. Highlights from the celebrity version of the reality show.
1.30 T4: Friends. Chandler and Monica visit a fertility clinic.
2.10 FILM: T4: Jungle 2 Jungle (1997). Comedy.
4.00 T4: The Simpsons. With the guest voice of Tracey Ullman.
4.30 T4: The Simpsons.
5.00 Deal or No Deal.
5.50 The Simpsons. Marge rediscovered her flair for art.
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6.45 Channel 4 News.
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7.00 Angels of Jarm.
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8.15 The Beeps.
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10.35 Wizards of Waverly Place.
11.10 Hannah Montana.
11.45 The Tribe.
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2.40 FILM: Viva Las Vegas (1964). Musical, with Elvis Presley.
4.20 FILM: Stuart Little 3: Call of the Wild (2005). Children's animated adventure.
5.50 Five News.
6.00 FILM: Cahill, US Marshal (1973). Western.
8.30 Nature Shock.
9.00 FILM: Deep Blue Sea (1999). A scientist researching Alzheimer's disease devises a way to help develop her theories. Thriller.
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You can bag a potted bargain now if you look in the shops – and if you want something that can last for years with the minimum of fuss, it's worth choosing an orchid.

Many people are put off by the cost, but I've seen large, exotic-looking moth orchids (Phalaenopsis) in shades of pink and cream reduced from £9.99 to under a fiver in my local Marks & Spencer, and I'm informed that many branches across the country have the same offer while stocks last.

Perhaps orchids are not traditionally the plant associated with the festive season, but their long, arching stems bearing sprays of beautifully marked, delicate-looking flowers look great in both modern and traditional settings.

Moth orchids are widely grown and well-suited to life indoors, requiring a minimum temperature of 16C. I bought one in Ikea and kept it on an



by Hannah Stephenson

airy kitchen windowsill, where it flowered for four months until it finally needed a rest in November.

These plants don't have a yearly cycle of producing flowers, and can develop flower spikes at any time. Cool nights are important, so allow a dip of a few degrees.

Once they've finished blooming, cut the flowered stems back to just above a joint, two up from the base, using a pair of sharp secateurs. It should draw up another spike within a few weeks, although mine didn't show any signs of life for several months until a new branch appeared, producing a string of beautiful blooms.

Their rambling roots spread across the surface of the pot

and out, searching for nutrients. The roots contain chlorophyll and therefore produce energy from light, so grow the plants in clear pots – it's also a good way to see if the roots are wet or dry.

Trends are changing as people start to shy away from the big, showy flowers to the more dainty, subtle and smaller-flowered types.

Slipper orchids (Paphiopedilums), trendy in Victorian times with their waxy leaves and lip-shaped pouch at the front of the flower, are again becoming popular. The flowers are usually long-lasting and can remain in bloom for months.

Some people have veered away from orchids in the past, fearing they may need a lot of maintenance. But these elegant plants, which originate from South-East Asia, are actually tough old birds which don't like too much fuss.

It's generally overwatering that kills them, and they are becoming easier to grow as nurseries bring out new varieties. Most hybrids come from hot, humid forests and like a warm, tropical climate.

It's a myth that they must be shaded, because they do well on windowsills and flower more freely if given some sun. However, it's best to keep them out of direct sunshine in the summer – and don't make the mistake of moving them from somewhere very shaded into direct sunlight, or they will suffer leaf scorch.

Some orchid-lovers mist the plants regularly, but they really don't need to.

Orchids should just be watered once a week by immersing the pot into a bowl of tepid water until it's moist all through. Then lift the pot out and sit it on a draining board for a few minutes before putting it back into its permanent pot.

The plant should be allowed to dry out between watering.

Use a half-strength liquid feed for orchids. Add it each time you water the plant, which you need to do more frequently in summer.

Moth orchids should be repotted about once a year – you can buy specific compost for orchids from garden centres. It's expensive, but worth it as it has the right mix of nutrients.



Simply stunning: orchids can develop flower spikes at any time of the year.

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FOUR Ws

1. WHO...wrote the song *Look At Your Game, Girl* which features on the album *The Spaghetti Incident* by Guns N' Roses?

WHAT...is the common name of the bird *Turdus merula*?

WHERE...in England is the village of Indian Queens?

WHEN...was N.F. Simpson's stage play *One Way Pendulum* first produced?

2. WHO...wrote the graphic novel *Ghost World*?

WHAT...was the original surname of Adolf Hitler's father?

WHERE...in the US is Indian Wells, host city of the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament?

WHEN...did the ventriloquist Shari Lewis die?

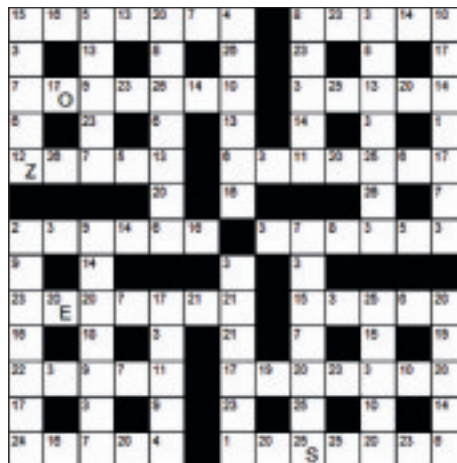
3. WHO...is the lead singer with the band The Flaming Lips?

WHAT...Arkansas-born actor claims to have a phobia of antique furniture?

WHERE...in Africa is the lake Chott Melrhir?

WHEN...did the Nobel Prize-winning writer Henri Bergson die?

Answers: 1. Charles Manson; Blackbird; Cornwall; 1959. 2. Daniel Clowes; Schickelgruber; California; 1998. 3. Wayne Coyne; Billy Bob Thornton; Algeria; 1941.



■ Last week's solution.

Codeword 5: Can you crack the code and solve the word puzzle? Each number relates to a letter and every letter of the alphabet is used at least once.



Sudoku 81:

Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.



■ Last week's solution.

Crossword

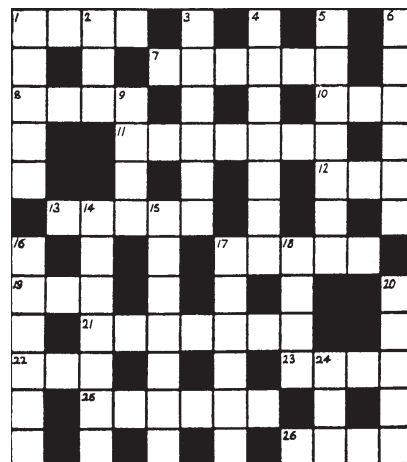
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Across

1. Caught with pictures in wagon. (4)
7. Stinging insect appeared when throne collapsed. (6)
8. I follow man in skirt. (4)
10. Amphibian found when head abandoned port. (3)
11. Most illustrious head presented in case. (7)
12. Took chair on short day of week. (3)
13. The Tundra is not beautiful. (5)
17. Knowing to take tin to US city. (5)
19. Prevent one telling joke. (3)
21. Put on paper order to descend. (3,4)
22. Drink in some appropriate arcade. (3)
23. Each way leads to one direction. (4)
25. Selling about the last one. (6)
26. Round dance. (4)

Down

1. Arrived and left with ugly brute. (5)
2. Right? Once was king. (3)
3. Robert needs rubbish container for weaving part. (6)
4. Girl comes to up to



- insect with feeler? (7)
5. Leave it as it is, boy, by the hat. (7)
6. When rubbish consumed, go round. (6)
9. Peruvian at home with accountant. (4)
14. Convict brings haul back, the idle fellow. (7)
15. In one minute I approach Gallery for copy. (7)
16. A gun? Cry of triumph

- from a Christie. (6)
17. Composer is cut, being trendy. (6)
18. A single from the North? Not any? (4)
20. Favourite gives a learner part of flower. (5)
24. Governor given silver article. (3)

Solution to 2145 – Across: 1. Pretty; 4. Abhor; 8. Relating; 10. Pal; 11. Stopover; 13. Scam; 15. Elan; 16. Sputniks; 19. Ice; 20. Traction; 22. Stage; 23. Method. **Down:** 1. Props; 2. Earl's Court; 3. Talisman; 5. Bin; 6. Resort; 7. Otto; 9. Give an inch; 12. Prestige; 14. Issues; 17. Itch; 18. Herod; 21. Rag.

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Say Hy to the new year!

Hyundai's special treats

WHAT better way to see in the new year than with a new range of high value, well-equipped special editions?

Set to arrive at retailers in January, new special edition variants of Hyundai's best-selling i10, i20 and i30 ranges offer new stylish looks, great driving characteristics and excellent levels of comfort and safety.

What's more, the flagship of the Edition range – the i30 – gets an exclusive new sporty look. A modified front grille, hexagonal air intake and sculpted fog lamps, plus side skirts and a new rear bumper incorporating twin exhaust trims are features found only on this model.



i30 Edition 1.4: £13,400.

Priced from £13,400 on-the-road (with VAT at the higher 17.5 per cent rate), the i30 Edition is more than £4,000 cheaper than an entry-level Ford Focus, yet the list of standard equipment is comprehensive. As well as the exterior enhancements, standard kit includes stylish 16-inch alloy wheels, privacy glass, sports pedals, a chrome-finished gearknob, electric windows all round, remote central locking, electric heated door mirrors and a six-speaker stereo-radio CD player with Aux and USB connections and steering wheel audio controls. Like all models in the i30 range, it also includes life-saving ESP as standard, along with active front head restraints and six airbags.

Engine choices are 1.4 or 1.6-litre petrol, or Hyundai's acclaimed 1.6-litre CRDi diesel, which offers sub-119g/km emissions. A stop-start system is available as a £200 option on all models, dropping emissions lower and saving even more fuel.

The i20 Edition, available with Hyundai's advanced 1.2-litre petrol engine, is offered as both a three and five-door and also benefits from incredible levels of standard equipment.

Priced from £10,565 on-the-road, over £700 cheaper than an entry-level Ford Fiesta, the i20 Edition benefits from plush half-leather seat trim, air conditioning, coloured interior detailing, electric windows, leather steering wheel and gear knob, steering wheel audio controls, a CD-radio with Aux and USB connections and remote central locking – luxuries normally found in much more expensive models.

Exterior enhancements include front fog lights and 15-inch alloy wheels, plus two optional exterior colours exclusive to Edition models – Crystal White and Ice Blue.

Benefiting from a five-star Euro-NCAP crash test rating, the i20 Edition looks after its occupants with standard ESP, active front seat head restraints

and six airbags.

The i10 Edition, priced at £8,425 on-the-road, arrives with a level of standard equipment that puts many bigger cars to shame. As well as smart 14-inch alloy wheels, body-coloured door mirrors, body side mouldings and front fog lights, the i10 Edition also has remote central locking, colourful interior detailing, air conditioning, electric windows, a height-adjustable drivers' seat and a leather steering wheel and gearknob. Powered by a 1.1-litre petrol engine, the i10 has emissions of just 119g/km, meaning a tax disc will cost just £35 per year.

All of the Edition models also benefit from Hyundai's famed five-year warranty. The full list of prices is as follows:

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i20 Edition 1.2 5-dr – £11,025
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i30 Edition 1.6 CRDi – £14,700

Ford Focus is awarded 'Used Car of the Decade' accolade

THE Ford Focus has been voted "Used Car of the Decade" by CAP – the UK's independent used car pricing experts.

The CAP Used Car of the Decade award recognises a vehicle's contribution to personal transport in Britain. The award was open to any used car range available during the decade (2000-2009).

Mark Norman, chairman of the CAP judging panel, said: "As a used car the Ford Focus has satisfied every criteria for the demanding consumer requiring a true five-seat family car."

He continued: "The Focus has

always been a well engineered and durable product that consistently offers a reliable sales opportunity to used car retailers."

Jon Wellsman, sales director, Ford of Britain said: "Ford is extremely proud of the Focus model range and delighted to receive such a prestigious award. The dynamic Focus continues to improve as a model and we hope this latest generation of vehicles will continue to be as successful in the used car market."

There are more than 1,300,000 new and used Focus models on Britain's roads today.



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The Suzuki Swift SZ range: All geared up for the new year.

Suzuki trims up Swift for new year as options expand range

SUZUKI is getting all trimmed-up for the new year.

The firm's popular Swift model will be available in three new trims from January, with SZ2, SZ3 and SZ4 replacing the GL and GLX models. Engine

choices will also be restricted to 1.3-litre petrol and 1.3-litre diesel, with the present 1.5-litre petrol unit to be sold with automatic transmission only.

The 1.6-litre petrol Swift Sport remains the only model unaffected in

the range. These changes should ensure the Swift's continuing popularity – 54,000 have been sold since it went on sale in the UK in 2005, which is explained by both the quality of the product and the attractive price points.

Haynes manuals popular again in crunch

CAN you iron a shirt, fry an egg, or change the plug on a house-hold electrical item?

If the answer's 'yes', then you are well capable of doing a spot of car maintenance – and you'll save money, too.

Renowned car DIY manuals publisher Haynes recognises that many drivers are cutting costs in these straitened times, but warns that for safety reasons it is

essential to keep a car correctly maintained.

And following this sound advice will make a difference to resale value, says Haynes Workshop Manuals' editorial director Matthew Minter.

"Many routine maintenance jobs, such as checking fluid levels and the conditions of tyres and the battery, can be undertaken using common sense," says Minter.

"For many tasks, such

as replacing windscreen-wiper blades or failed lamps, doing them yourself is both cheaper and more convenient."

Minter's advice to motorists is to save money by doing maintenance jobs within their capability themselves – and pay a garage to do the more complex work.

He also says more women motorists should consider undertaking DIY car maintenance –

and backed this by pointing out that a survey earlier this year found nearly half the women asked claimed not to know how to top up their oil, check their brake fluid levels or tyre pressures.

"There are many straightforward car jobs that all motorists should be capable of. They're in the same category as frying an egg, ironing a shirt, or changing a plug," Minter concludes.



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i-MiEV sets electric standard

THE Mitsubishi i-MiEV this month became the first zero emissions fully electric city car to be used on the government funded Technology Strategy Board user trials.

It has a top speed of 81mph, a range of 100 miles and can be trickle charged from flat to full in seven hours at any UK three-pin socket – costing under £1 for a full charge. In addition the i-MiEV can be fast-charged from flat to 80 per cent in just 30 minutes using the quick charger.

Genichiro Nishina, president and CEO of Mitsubishi Motors Europe, said: "Mitsubishi Motors takes a holistic approach to environmental and sustainability issues at every stage of the vehicle's design, production and in-service lifecycle. The i-MiEV is the most prominent element of our basket of environmental solutions, which makes the prospect of ultra-low carbon transport a present-day reality."

Endorsing the programme as an i-MiEV driver in the trials, Quentin Willson, said: "These first EVs that go on the Technology Strategy Board's trial mark the start of a seismic shift in the sort of cars we drive and how we power them."

"The Mitsubishi i-MiEV is a forerunner of a transport revolution that eventually will change the world. At last here's an electric car that doesn't look like a church pew, seats four, does 80mph and costs less than a quid to charge. What is there not to love?"

This is the first stage of a Government-supported UK-wide project to trial electric and ultra low emission vehicles – and begins in the West Midlands today. The keys to 25 Mitsubishi i-MiEVs (Mitsubishi innovative Electric Vehicle) will be given to independent drivers – including automotive expert Quentin Willson – to test over the next 12 months by the CABLED (Coventry and Birmingham Low Emission Vehicle Demonstrators) consortium in Centenary Square, Birmingham.

The CABLED consortium will manage the project after being confirmed in June as one of eight successful teams in the £25 million Technology Strategy Board Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Demonstrator Competition. The consortium brings together the expertise of 13 West Midlands-based organisations within the engineering, automotive manufacturing, academic, public and infrastructure sectors, and is led by global

engineering consultancy Arup.

The project is worth £15 million and will trial 110 vehicles on the roads of Birmingham and Coventry. UK-wide, 340 vehicles are being tested using funding from the Technology Strategy Board. As well as being the largest, CABLED is the first consortium to begin vehicle trials and has recently gained further public backing thanks to £2.5 million funding awarded by Advantage West Midlands (a regional development agency).

Neil Butcher, Arup's project leader of the CABLED consortium said: "Less than 1 per cent of the vehicles registered every year in the UK are electric and most of these are currently used in London. We think that by 2020, low carbon cars will be commercially viable, and it's important that we start to understand the public's reaction and provide the necessary infrastructure to prepare for this."

"Today's launch is a landmark occasion for the UK automotive industry, and this project will begin to examine the points where the vehicles meet the built environment – energy generation, battery charging and driver behaviour. This is an important first step on our

roads to a low-carbon future."

Drivers selected for the trials of the Mitsubishi i-MiEV and 85 other vehicles were chosen through an application process led by Coventry University. The other five manufacturers that will roll out vehicles in 2010 include:

- Smart ed x 40 electric cars
- Tata Indica x 25 electric car
- Microcab x 10 Hydrogen fuel cell powered vehicles
- Land Rover Range_e x 5 plug in hybrid vehicles
- LIT x 5 electric taxis

Martyn Mangan, automotive cluster manager for Advantage West Midlands, said: "The West Midlands is expertly positioned to co-ordinate these trials, as home to the UK's largest regional automotive industry and around 60 per cent of our annual industry research and development is commissioned here."

"CABLED is also a shining example of the West Midlands' advanced capabilities in manufacturing, engineering and infrastructure. It will play a key role in the wider availability of low emission vehicles on the UK roads, and Advantage West Midlands is fully committed to its development."

The consortium also benefits from a firm commitment to developing the necessary infrastructure to



The Mitsubishi i-MiEV: Taking a big step on the road to a low-carbon transport society.

co-ordinate the trials from E.ON, Birmingham City Council and Coventry City Council, who will provide electrical charging points for vehicles across the two cities as well as access to the University of Birmingham's hydrogen refuelling station. During the trials, Aston University will be analysing and reporting its conclusions from the data generated by the vehicles.

Iain Gray, chief executive of the Technology Strategy Board, said: "We created the Low Carbon Vehicle Demonstrator competition to act as a catalyst for industry, the public sector and academia to collaborate to provide low emission vehicles and solutions to powering them."

"The journey towards low carbon transport will not be easy, but the demonstrator programme is the biggest project of its kind to date and is a major step in the right direction."

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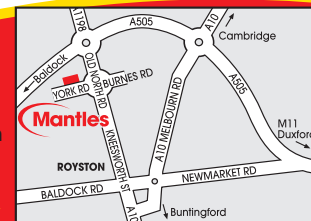
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In the swim:
Members of the
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» Swimming

Water night for chirpy Sparrow

HANNAH Sparrow set the standard in the first round of the West Suffolk club's annual championships. The 10-year-old swimmer was just outside her regional qualifying time in the 200m backstroke on a raucous night at the Bury Leisure Centre. With enthusiastic support from clubmates and family, the competitors – aged from eight to 18 with some experiencing competition for the first time – responded with some creditable performances. Jennifer Titterington had a good 50m freestyle, clocking 29.3sec and 2min 33sec in the 200m

butterfly, while Alex Proffitt produced a strong 50m freestyle and 200m backstroke. Jack Trowbridge touched in 33.57 in his 50m freestyle race while Chris Titterington finished in 25.74 when winning in the 50m freestyle. Other impressive performances came from Nicholas Shields and Charlotte Allen – a freestyle winner – on their debuts. However, personal best times were recorded by many of the swimmers, who did their coaches proud in an event where distances alternated between 50 and 200m.

» Football: The Ridgeons League Christmas programme

Super Lee foils Rovers

It was one-way traffic, says Betts as Pacey seals point

Haverhill Rov 1 Ely City 1
Ridgeons League,
Premier Division

THE reactions from the managers after the Bank Holiday Monday draw told the story of Haverhill Rovers' draw against Ely.

Rovers' boss Peter Betts rued missed opportunities to pick up three points, while his opposite number, Dennis Lightning, breathed a huge sigh of relief.

Rovers took the lead midway through the first half with a goal from Shaun Banham, but the visitors drew level 10 minutes later when Tony Beck rifled home.

However, the home side dominated the second half but were met by stubborn resistance, led by keeper Lee Pacey who made some stunning saves.

Betts said: "Shaun scored midway through the first half and we missed a couple of glorious chances to go

2-0 up. Their keeper kept them in the game and then they scored against the run of play just before half-time.

"It was one-way traffic in the second half – we hit the post, missed a one-on-one and missed an open goal.

"We did everything but score.

"We were by far the better team. It was frustrating because we totally dominated."

Lightning said: "It was a bit of a battle, but I'm pleased with a point, I would have taken that before the match."

The only good thing to come out of the game for Rovers was the fact that the draw helped them pass their entire points tally for last season.

Rovers return to action on Saturday when they are scheduled for a trip to Cambridge to face high-flying CRC

Nice one: Stuart Wardley congratulates scorer Marc Abbott after his goal in the third minute of the Boxing Day derby at Newmarket.



Abbott makes Marc in a tame derby

Newmarket Tn 0 Haverhill Rov 1
Ridgeons League, Premier Division
MARC Abbott struck the only goal of a scrappy game after just three minutes as Haverhill triumphed at Newmarket on Boxing Day. The supporters who turned up at the Town Ground were not treated to a classic encounter by any means, but that was of little consequence to Rovers,

the three points putting further distance between themselves and the strugglers at the foot of the Premier Division. Even Newmarket's manager Kevin Grainger, who was far from impressed with his team, admitted Rovers were the better side. He said: "Haverhill deserved to win, but it was an awful game."

» Premier Division: latest positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Needham Mkt	24	17	5	2	55	22	56
CRC	21	17	3	1	56	15	54
Leiston	23	15	2	6	59	28	47
Stanway Rov	20	12	4	4	49	19	40
Kirkley & Pakelield	19	11	3	5	35	19	36
Mildenhall Tn	20	11	2	7	43	38	35
Felixstowe & W	21	10	5	6	31	34	35
Debenham LC	20	10	2	8	37	33	32
Wisbech Tn*	21	9	5	7	37	31	30
Wroxham	18	8	5	5	33	25	29
Walsham-le-Willows	22	8	5	9	37	35	29
Hadleigh Utd	21	8	5	8	29	39	29
Dereham Tn	21	8	4	9	36	35	28
Newmarket Tn	22	8	3	11	42	37	27
Haverhill Rov	20	7	6	7	31	31	27
Histon res*	22	8	4	10	39	50	27
Ely City	20	7	4	9	32	37	25
Norwich Utd	23	5	6	12	33	42	21
Woodbridge Tn	22	2	0	20	16	62	6
Wivenhoe Tn	19	1	21	6	11	51	5
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